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## Rumors from the Rio Grande.

The New York Express learns by the steamer Geo. Washington, which arrived there on Saturday, from New Orleans, that much excitement exists in the latter city among the Confederate sympathizers and their friends "in reference to the great military and naval expeditions about to depart from that point," the destination of which it has been given out, is Mobile, but which it is said, is going in just the contrary direction—in short, the expedition, so go the rumors, "will turn up, in Texas, at the mouth of the Rio Grande. The movement is to be marked by great celerity; some of the troops having already gone forward." The further talk was "that this concentration of Federal troops at the mouth of the Rio Grande, was in consequence of an anticipated rupture of friendly relations between France and the United States; that certain demands have been made of the French Emperor, in respect to his recent operations in Mexico, which, if not satisfactorily complied with, will be immediately followed by the invasion of that country by the army of General Grant; that a secret understanding contemplating some such invasion exists, between President Lincoln, and the fugitive Mexican President Juarez &c. &c."

The Express in commenting on the above says:—"We give these reports for what they are worth. If there is really any foundation for the statement that the destination of the New Orleans Expedition is the mouth of the Rio Grande, however, we cannot forbear remarking that the Confederates have discovered the fact. The proof of this knowledge we have in the latest advices from Brownsville, Texas, which stated that Gen. Bee, the Confederate commander on the Rio Grande, had ordered the removal of the Custom House at Brownsville to Romo, a place about 150 miles above. We are not aware that the Confederates have any military force in that quarter to oppose our troops, but even if they had, the real importance of the movement lies rather in its immediate relation to France, than to the Southern Confederacy. We have information that the French, having already taken possession of the seaport of Tampio, are about to dispatch—if they have not already dispatched—a military force to take possession of Matamoras, a step which will bring them face to face with the Federal army of occupation under General Grant. Matamoras has been a source of annoyance to the United States, and it may be now that the army of General Grant has been or is to be sent to Brownsville to stop that annoyance, and put an end to its contraband trade. How far this proceeding is likely to compromise our friendly relations with the French Emperor, or how soon it may result in a collision with his soldiers on the opposite side of the river, are problems we do not care at present to discuss. The time for their summary solution, however, is clearly not far distant."

The election for delegates to the Constitutional Convention of Nevada Territory gives in all the precincts, as far as heard from, large Union majorities.

## FROM ASPINWALL.

NEW YORK, September 6.—The steamer Champion from Aspinwall on the 27th ultimo, has arrived. She brings \$280,000 in treasure.

Panama advices of the 27th ult. state that a grand ball had been given to the Admiral of the Spanish squadron, and that part of the squadron subsequently left for the coast of California.

The British frigate Tartar had arrived at Tobago with over one million dollars from the coast of Mexico.

San Salvadore dates to the 13 ultimo, state that Jurez and the principal conspirators against Barrios had been captured and executed.

Carrera and Leasla had united their forces and expected to move on the capital.

Barrios holds possession of the capital only; every other department of the Republic being in the hands of the invaders and insurgents.

The productions of the Copiapo gold and silver mines are attracting great attention.

Dr. Wright was recently tried before a military commission for the shooting of Lieut. Sanborn, who was engaged at the time in drilling negro troops on Main street, Norfolk. The result of the investigation, it is understood, was forwarded to President Lincoln for decision. The President of the U. S. has ordered a new trial of Dr. Wright, but whether before the military or civil authorities it has not been determined.

A commission was issued on the 15th, in Boston, appointing Lieutenant Colonel Edward N. Hallowell as Colonel of the Fifty-fourth Massachusetts regiment, (negro) in the place of Col. Shaw, recently killed in action in the last assault on Fort Wagner. Col. Hallowell was wounded in the assault where Col. Shaw fell; but, it is stated, has nearly recovered from his injuries.

It is the practice in Dr. Brainard's Church, Philadelphia, to read once in each quarter a list of the deaths which have occurred during that period. On the last occasion two deaths of members over ninety years old were reported, one of whom ninety eight years old, had worshipped in Old Pine Street Church with most unvarying regularity 70 years.

The New York Herald's correspondent at Morris Island mentions the arrival there of the brig Bainbridge. The editor of the Herald supposes this vessel to be the United States brig of that name heretofore reported as having been lost in a severe gale on the Southern coast.

About a month ago the United States Express Company was robbed of \$60,000. Since that time special efforts have been made to arrest the thieves and secure the money. On Friday the money was found in New York; the robbers, two in number, were arrested on Wednesday in St. Louis.

A negro man named Geo. Ridout, was stabbed in the neck, with a penknife, and killed by another negro man named John Armstrong, on Sunday, in Washington.

A GOOD MOVE.—We are gratified to see that a meeting of has been held, "for the purpose of devising some measures for reducing the prices of all commodities brought into the Washington market." Some measure of this kind is needed to relieve us of the exorbitant prices we have to pay for all articles of consumption. We see nothing to warrant the excessive and unusual exactions that are made by the venders. The prices are much greater than are paid in any of the markets, of other cities. Those nearest us, Baltimore and Philadelphia, that should to some extent regulate our markets are greatly below the prices we have to pay. There is something radically wrong in the measures that are resorted to by venders that ought to be corrected. It is oppressive on all buyers, and cruelly so on the laboring classes. It is operating prejudicially to the great interest of our city as a residence. [—National Intelligencer.]

The Courier des Etats Unis contains a letter from its Paris correspondent, M. Gaillardet, under date of the 21st ultimo, which states that the friends of the South residing in that city, were expecting the early arrival there of Mr. Stephens, the Vice President of the Confederate States, charged with a commission to England and France. The same writer adds that it was supposed that Mr. Stephens was one of the three passengers who were reported as having debarked from the Confederate steamer Florida, a few days previous, at Queens town.

J. R. Lovelace, 17th Virginia Cavalry; J. H. Burns, 1st Virginia Cavalry, H. Brodfield, 15th Virginia Cavalry; James Durham, Company B, White's Battalion, and Orris Ballou, 48th North Carolina, prisoners of war, sent in by Provost Marshal General of Defenses South of the Potomac, were committed to the Old Capitol on Saturday.

Theodore Barnard the army reporter for the Associated Press of Washington, met with an accident several days ago while absent from headquarters of the army of the Potomac. Going to the stable for his horse, the animal kicked him and broke several of his ribs, besides injuring his arm.

The military authorities at Louisville do not apprehend any immediate danger of a Confederate invasion of Kentucky in force, although they think that small bands of guerrillas may make incursions at different points.

General Schofield has telegraphed to Lieutenant Governor Hill, of Missouri, from Kansas City, that there will be no invasion of the State of Missouri by the people of Kansas.

Major Edmund Underwood, United States mustering and disbursing officer for the Northern District of New York, died in Utica, N. Y., on Saturday. He served in the Mexican

Well-executed five-dollar counterfeit notes on the New England Bank of Boston are in circulation.

Late foreign papers state that Hon. Charles Francis Adams and family had left London on a tour to Scotland.